



Welcome to all new and returning families to our club.

Facilities

Our main gym is located at 93 Malden Street, our Trampoline classes take place at Freyberg High School Gymnasium. During the holidays we had a 2 day working bee, our immense thanks to the amazing families and coaches that came in for these days. The gym is looking fantastic.

We have worked hard to get settled into our new home, and to improve our home and especially to grow our equipment over the last 2 years, something we continue to work on – this year we are working towards new mats for the pommel area, and replacing old mats around the gym, we are also working towards two new bars and two new beams.

We are a non-profit club so we differ from other clubs such as dancing or other gymnastics businesses locally; this means everyone contributes to the success of the club and we all pitch in to keep the gym looking clean and tidy, and running smoothly.

We ask that everyone puts their rubbish into the wheelie bin by the front door. We also ask that you do not allow children to climb the barrier, crawl under the barrier, do cartwheels in the foyer etc. We also do not allow any children who are not part of a class to play on the equipment at any stage. Safety is paramount to us so please assist by encouraging any gymnasts waiting for class, and siblings, to remember these things.

Other than PlayGym Explorers, Adventurers and Navigators parents are not to be on the floor please; if you have a concern about settling your child into the class please have a chat to our coaching team who will be able to assist, they are a super team.

This year we are trialling a new class sign in system so that we can maximise the gymnastics time with gymnastics. When you arrive at the gym for your class a table in the foyer will have clipboards with a roll, please tick your child off as you enter.

Our Team

We are a club that is well supported by our 28 wonderful coaches and a very supportive committee. Our Committee of 11 fantastic volunteers dedicate a lot of time and energy to the club to ensure the smooth governance continues. You will also see them front and centre at our events and around the club doing various maintenance, fundraising, and administrative tasks. Working side by side with our Committee is a Management team consisting of a Club Manager, Recreational Head Coach, Junior Competitive Head Coach and a Senior Competitive Head Coach. This team is complemented by our very talented coaches. Our coaches hold a range of qualifications from Gymnastics NZ, and are continuing their education pathways. We value our coaches immensely and invest in their on-going

training and education, and first aid qualifications, so that we can continue to provide high quality programmes.

Dates

A few reminders for the Term. We start back on Saturday February 1st and our term ends on Thursday 9th April. There will be NO GYMNASTICS on Thursday 6th February due to Waitangi Day. There will also be no gym on Friday 13th March AFTER 5.45 (earlier classes are running), and NO GYM Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th March as we are holding our Senior Gymnastics Competition.

Uniform

There is no required uniform for our club. Children should wear sensible sports comfy clothes for our classes, with long hair tied back. Our gymnasts train in bare feet. They should also bring a drink bottle which is to be kept behind the barrier and not on the gym floor. We do have a stock of club t-shirts for sale that are great to train in, and we also have hoodies available to order at selected times during the year with a name personalised on them. More information on a hoodie order will be out mid term.

Communication

The club has a public Facebook page and Instagram page. We also have a closed member's page known as MGI Members Only that is used to share club communications. Please head to these if you have not already. Regular reminders are sent out via email, and posted on our Members Page. We still have some spaces left in classes so please spread the word about our fantastic sports club.

If you have any concerns at all please talk to the class coach after the session behind the barrier (please do not come across the floor to talk to them during class), we welcome feedback and always work hard to resolve any concerns, answer any questions, and improve our club.

Fees

A reminder that our fees policy is that all fees must be paid in full by the end of the 2nd week of term unless you are on a payment plan spreading these across the term. If you wish to withdraw from a class please notify us before the 2nd week is up and you will only be charged for the 2 weeks attended, otherwise as per our full fees policy which on our website, the full term fee is payable. In addition to which if you only do one class and withdraw you will still be charged for that class as a trial class fee to cover the administration in addition to the class. This is \$10 for preschool and \$15 for all recreational classes. We are a non-profit sports club operating with a large volunteer support, so please support us with ensuring fees are paid so we can operate well. Our preferred payment method is online, which can be done directly to our bank account as per the invoice, or can also be done via our Friendly Manager system with a credit card - you can do that when you sign up or you can go back in and pay fees a week or so later with a credit card also. We also have eftpos at the gym and can take cash and cheque.

As a non-profit sports club we do not adjust our term fee for public holidays, or the missed session for our competitions. We also do not charge more when the term is 11 weeks. Unfortunately due to our classes being grouped according to badge groups we are also not able to offer replacement classes for missed classes at all. We appreciate your understanding in this area.

Car-Park

Please be careful when coming in and leaving the car park, and especially mindful of little people. Please ensure you follow the directional flow of the car park as marked. We have a drop off zone in front of the door, this is for very quick drop offs of children who are old enough to jump out safely and enter the gym on their own. Please also note that the reserved spaces at the far end of car park are for coaches - our coaches block each other in so if you park in one of these you may get blocked in.

Finally, please note that you CANNOT park anywhere that is not a car park – against the green wall or the netting fence. The car park has been designed for the safety of getting children into the gym so if the car park is full please park on the street.

Programmes

We offer a wide range of programmes starting from our PlayGym Explorers through to our Senior Competitive programme. We have recreational, trampoline, tumbling, preschool, rhythmic, competitive, both boys and girls, team gym, recreational competitive known as Excel, double mini-tramp and ground act circus options. That's a lot to choose from!

Badges

Our trampoline, recreational, tumbling and rhythmic children all work towards badges to assess their progress. All children in these classes are added automatically to the badge programme and are assessed as they achieve skills for that level. This allows the children to work at their own pace, please be aware that some children can take several terms to achieve a badge and others can get through several in that time, it is all individually assessed and there is no pressure on any children to rush through this. The children receive a certificate when they have completed a level and have the option to purchase a badge for \$5. One idea to display the badges is on your club tshirt.

Fundraising

As a non-profit group fundraising is a necessary part of us continuing to operate, and improve our equipment and programmes.

As part of this we apply for grants, but we also fundraise and love having extra help towards this, so if you have a great idea, or want to be part of this just get in touch. We are very much a community focused club, and this is only possible thanks to the fantastic families that support us in so many ways.

As part of our last fundraiser we still have some boxes of Whittakers Chocolate to sell. If you are able to help out by taking a box of chocolates to sell please get in touch.

Our key fundraiser this term is our Senior Competition, we run a very successful kitchen during this weekend and donations of both food and time are invaluable to us for this weekend.

Please look out for details of our fundraisers and help where you can, there is no pressure on parents to fundraise at all, we appreciate that everyone is busy so whilst we send out information to everyone, there is no expectation on anyone, people help where they can and that is great!

We look forward to a fantastic term, we hope your children all have fun and learn new skills in our safe environment.

Kind regards

The Team at MGI